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POLYNUCLEOTIDES CONJUGATED
WITH CHROMOPHORES AND
FLUOROPHORES TO GENERATE
DONOR-TO-DONOR ENERGY
TRANSFER SYSTEM

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2002, Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for three months. Applicant has already paid for a two-month extension (\$205). Applicant is a small entity. The fee due is therefore $\$465 - \$205 = \$260$. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

This amendment is in response to the final office action mailed on November 22, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows.

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